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SUBJECT: POST-BELGRADE NAC CONSULTATION

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1. NATO DELEGATIONS HAVE DISCUSSED, BUT FAILED TO
REACH AGREEMENT ON, DATE FOR NAC CONSULTATIONS WITH
HEADS OF DELEGATIONS TO BELGRADE.

2. AT FEBRUARY 28 POLADS MEETING AND IN PRIVATE
CONTACTS, WE HAVE SUPPORTED HOLDING CONSULTATION
AS SOON AFTER BELGRADE AS POSSIBLE. CANADIANS
SAY CANADIAN DELEGATION IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO
OTTAWA IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BELGRADE MEETING TO
BRIEF PARLIAMENTARIANS AND THAT, IN ANY EVENT, THEIR
AUTHORITIES BELIEVED NAC CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE MORE
USEFUL IF BELGRADE PARTICIPANTS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY
TO CONFER IN CAPITALS FIRST.

3. NOTING THAT IT IS STILL UNCLEAR WHEN BELGRADE
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WILL END, OTHERS HAVE INDICATED FLEXIBILITY, BOTH ON
TIMING AND LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION FOR NAC CONSULTATION.
ITALIAN POLAD SAID THAT, DEPENDING ON TIMING, HEAD
OF ITALIAN DELEGATIDN MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND.
FRG FAVORS CONSULTATION SOON AFTER BELGRADE. SINCE
THE COUNCIL WILL BE BUSY WITH HILEX MARCH 13-17,
SOME DELS BELIEVE WEEK OF MARCH 20 MIGHT BE BEST

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TIME FOR NAC MEETING ON BELGRADE.

4. CITING LACK OF INSTRUCTIONS, FRENCH POLAD HAS RESERVED POSITION ON QUESTION OF POST-BELGRADE NAC CONSULTATION, AND ALSO ON POSSIBLE POLADS PAPER ON BELGRADE MEETING WHICH FRG AND US REPS HAVE SUPPORTED.

5. COMMENT: WE HAVE TRIED TO GET AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO NAC CONSULTATION IMMEDIATELY AFTER BELGRADE ON EXPECTATION THAT THERE WILL BE SLIPPAGE IF THE QUESTION IS ADDRESSED ONLY AS BELGRADE CONCLUDES. SO FAR, HOWEVER, WE ARE THE ONLY DELEGATION PRESSING ON THIS POINT. WE THINK IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR HEADS OF ALLIED DELEGATIONS AT BELGRADE TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF THE DATE FOR NAC MEETING.
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